

TRAINING FOR NONSTERILE COMPOUNDING

Pharmacists and technicians involved in nonsterile compounding must have documented training appropriate for the type of compounding occurring. The training includes:

1. Read and be familiar with USP Chapter 795.
2. Understand Safety Data Sheets (SDS, formerly known as MSDS).
3. Read and be familiar with each of the compounding procedures, including those involving the:
 - a. Facility
 - b. Equipment
 - c. Personnel
 - d. Actual compounding
 - e. Evaluation
 - f. Packaging
 - g. Storage
 - h. Dispensing
4. Trainer demonstrates procedures for the personnel, and observes and guides personnel throughout the training process.
5. Personnel repeat procedures without assistance from, but under the direct supervision of, the trainer.
6. Personnel must be fully trained in storage, handling and disposal of hazardous drugs before compounding with hazardous drugs. (This may change with the publication of USP Chapter 800: Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings.)
7. Training is ongoing.
8. Training documentation is signed by the trainer.

It is recommended compounding personnel be evaluated at least annually.